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Editor's Mailbox

Dear Mr. Editor:

Prior to Dr. Carl McIntire's March for Victory in Vietnam, held in Washington on April 3rd, I wrote several letters to the editor showing the way the entire news media, radio, newspapers and television, blanked out any reference to this march, while at the same time throwing their entire backing upon any person who had anything derogatory to say about the United States and its government. Since that time Mr. Agnew, our vice president who might someday take one step forward, I hope, has brought to the attention of the public that as presently set up, our news media is giving only one side of the picture. When the Chicago Seven trial was on, none of the seven, or their lawyers, could take a step beyond without the news media recording it for the whole USA. When the trial was over, the news media rushed over for statements, pictures, etc. from the lawyers, while the judge and prosecutors got about as much attention as the old president, one minute after the new one takes office.

Dr. Carl McIntire has just returned from a trip to Vietnam where he was taken over the whole country by the military and briefed by just about every important General in the country. Upon returning to this country, he went down to Washington to conduct an eleven o'clock press conference giving his views of the Vietnamese War and a plug for his Second March for Victory which will be held in Washington on Saturday, Oct. 3, 1970. Following this he was to go over to a press conference to be held by David Hawk, former National Coordinator of Viet Nam Moratorium Committee, and Charles Palmer, president of the National Student Associations, dealing with the student strike and protest against President Nixon's decision to bomb the sanctuaries in Cambodia. At Dr. McIntire's press conference, ten reporters showed up, no television, and only one radio network, ABC, was represented. The conference lasted 35 minutes, and I defy anyone to produce anyone who has seen, heard or read anything about that conference. At the 12 noon press conference, fifty reporters or more were present, and four television cameras were focused upon Mr. Hawk and Mr. Palmer as they read their statements announcing that the students were going to strike on campuses across the country, and Hawk said "Students will be conducting silent vigils, teach-ins, going out door-to-door, to churches, community groups, offices, not just voicing opposition to the war." Palmer said, "Our focus in part will be for legislation, both state and national, to cut off funds and man power for the war." Did you have any trouble hearing, seeing and reading about the student strikes and sit-ins? I hardly think so. And have you read lately about any senators getting up legislation to cut off the funds for the military in Cambodia and Vietnam? Or of others drafting legislation forcing the removal of all US troops from Vietnam by a certain date? You can hardly hear anything else.

For your benefit, Mr. McIntire reported on the finding of propaganda leaflets found on the dead body of Viet Cong mailman. These leaflets were placed along trails and places where US soldiers would find them. Entitled, Voices From Your Native Land On The Vietnam "Moratorium Day". The following statements were from that leaflet: Democrat Senator McGovern: "We seek not to trouble the president, but to lift the terrible burden of war from his shoulder and from the American people. To do that, we must accelerate the agonizingly slow-pace of withdrawal from the hopeless conflict. Republican Senator E. Brook stated that the American people are out of patience. If the US government's policy on VN remains unchanged, the Nixon administration will on counter popular opposition as Johnson did previously in his last months in power. Republican Senator Goodell: "Protest in not limited to students. It is very widespread and reached out to the broad sections of the population. The President can not ignore it. He will have to respond". How do you think our American heroes in Vietnam felt when they read such leaflets as these? I think they reacted in anger that our American government could have such people in office. For our people who have known only victory for our whole proud history, that is, until Truman started us down this road of defeat in the fifties, it almost makes us ashamed to be called Americans, I said ALMOST, not positively.

Nixon has ordered the destruction of the sanctuaries which the Communists have in Cambodia. No action of this nature has been taken by any President, including John F. Kennedy and Dwight Eisenhower since the time that President Truman fired General Douglas MacArthur because he wanted to bomb the privileged sanctuaries which the Communists were using beyond the Yalu River.

William C. Hubbard

To Whom It May Concern:

Have you ever felt like you were living another mans life; walking in someones shoes, other than yours; felt strongly as though something good, or bad, was about to happen. Ever since the Appomattox County High School Board decided Gordan Bragg wouldn't be coaching football this coming season, These have been a few of my feelings -- I've waited for my phone to ring, thinking today is the day. I know someone will call and say this night mare is over.

Concerned people efforts should certainly account for something.

Our children have been put in the predicament of not knowing whether they will have a coach, or a football team, teachers, as well are feeling the effects of these indicisions of the School Board.

I beg of you (School Board Members) make a decision and help this night mare of waiting be over for me, as well as many other concerned parents, students, and other interested persons.

We are ready and willing to know one way or the other, WHO will be our football Coach?

No one will ever fill Gordon Bragg's shoes and this is not only my feeling. You have the tools and means by which to make decisions. So lets have one.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Barbara Guill

Prevent Forest Fires

The Pastor Speaks

Tying the Knot Tighter

Most engaged couples who come to me to talk about marriage assure me very enthusiastically that communication is one of their strongest points. A few years later, however, they speak quite a different story. One may say a few years after marriage, "He never talks to me. He just sits and watches TV." A husband may say, "All she talks about is life around the house. It's a bore to me."

Now it's a fact that communicating together is one of the most important features to tie the know of marriage much tighter. Many a marriage flounders over the shoals of indifference simply because husband and wife don't take the time to keep up contacts with one another. Merely living in the same house doesn't assure that the contacts and the communication will be kept open. What can be done about it?

First of all, realize that it will require work. You don't keep the communication bridge open in marriage simply by assuming that it will take care of itself. You need to work at it. One couple made a pledge that they would save time for leisurely eating of the evening meal. They agreed to share each other's highlights of the day and to discuss them all together. Another couple promised that before they went to bed at night they would share answers to one question. "What was the happiest moment of your life today?" Still another couple agreed that they would get away for one meal together during the week, even if this meant hiring an expensive baby sitter and getting a neighbor to come and see our glorious temple if this subversive group is allowed to grow! Let us crush this movement now! It is the religious and patriotic duty of every citizen of Ephesus to join in this great struggle to defend all that we hold dear!

"In the public interest,
"Your Chamber of Commerce"

Bad For Business?

A second communication was sent to all the businessmen of Ephesus. Added to what had already been said to the general public was news of the alarming drop in sales of silver statues, and a warning that this was a threat, not only to the silversmiths, but to all: "The banks, the hotels, the markets, the winerys, the sacred prostitutes . . . all will suffer! Merchants, face up to this threat and join us in stamping out this menace to our livelihood!"

Well, of course, no such communications were ever distributed because Chambers of Commerce did not exist in those days. Yet we can be sure that the merchants of Ephesus reacted in a way not unlike that described above. There was no doubt about it: Christianity was bad for business when that business was based upon the pagan practices of the people.

The clash may not have been inevitable. The merchants of Ephesus were quite unconcerned with the theology of the Christian faith until Paul pronounced that Jesus Christ made all idols worthless. If Paul had avoided this issue of little silver idols, he probably could have continued to work undisturbed.

Profitable Exploitation

Yet, though Paul did not seek conflict with local interests, neither did he shrink from proclaiming and teaching the truth regardless of whom it offended. The gospel of Jesus Christ could not help but come into conflict with certain vested interests. It refuses to condone exploitation regardless of profitable.

This is no less true in Christianity is still in conflict with the mores of many communities. It does not seek conflict but Christians cannot suppress the teachings. The values of the gospel are often radically different from those of society and they affect the values of society as they are false.

For example, what is the reaction if the citizens of Las Vegas were to suggest to the train company that they could no longer run trains because Sunday trains would interfere with the business interests of the railroad? The same is true of many other citizens' activities. There are vested interests in almost every people are.

What about the vested interests where you work? Are you unconsciously or deliberately "bad for business" them?

(Based on outline prepared by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Released by Religious News Service.)

THE BIBLE SPEAKS
International Sunday School Lessons
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

VESTED INTERESTS

Lesson for May 24, 1970

Background Scripture: Acts 17: 16-33; 19-23 41; I Peter 3: 13-17.

Devotional Reading: I Thessalonians 1:2-10.

The Chamber of Commerce of Ephesus swung into action to combat the growing subversive movement known as "Christianity." In an attempt to alert the people of Ephesus, a flyer was distributed to the general public.

This is what it said:

"CITIZENS OF GREATER EPHESUS!

"Wake up! Wake up! A little band of subversive atheists is plotting to bring the downfall of our glorious religion of Artemis. This group, called 'Christian,' and led by a man of Tarsus named Paul (alias Saul), has already caused much falling away from the faith throughout the province of Asia. He has slandered our goddess Artemis and our idols, saying, 'Gods made with hands are not gods.' He attacks not only our religion but our city of Ephesus, the home of the temple of Artemis, one of the seven wonders of the world, and center of the silversmith trade of Artemis statues. What will happen to the worship of Artemis throughout the world if we let it be learned that the people of her own city are forsaking her? Who will want to come and see our glorious temple if this subversive group is allowed to grow? Let us crush this movement now! It is the religious and patriotic duty of every citizen of Ephesus to join in this great struggle to defend all that we hold dear!

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Dr. Thomas Lea, Pastor
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Strawberries are ripening; it's a real temptation not to pinch all the blossoms from new plants.

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Stuart Farrar reminds me that "we may be in for another outbreak of Pine Sawfly.

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PRECIPITATION:
Last week 1.31
This month 2.70
This year 11.63

You know that Henry Richard-

son, Jimmy Rosser, and Crawford Davidson have implanted their steers and that Bob McClenny and Garland Plunkett have plans to do likewise.

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Some people make the common mistake of calling a muskmelon a canteloupe. Most people have never seen a canteloupe; it's a warty fruit of inferior quality and is not grown in this county.

Actually the muskmelon is one of our oldest vegetables. Be sure to plant some now for one of the most delicious vegetables grown.

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Retiring Teachers Honored

Mrs. Teresa Hamlet and Mrs. Isabel Ligon, retiring teachers of Appomattox Intermediate School receive certificates of Life Membership in the Va. Congress of Parents and Teachers from Eugene W. Peyton, director of instruction for the county.

Mrs. Teresa Hamlet, 7th grade teacher of reading and Mrs. Isabel Ligon, 5th grade teacher were presented Life Memberships in the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers by the Intermediate School PTA. The presentation was made by Appomattox County Director of Instruction Eugene W. Peyton in special ceremonies at the PTA meeting of Appomattox Intermediate School, Mrs. S. B. Waddell pinned an orchid on each teacher, a gift of the school.

In his presentation Mr. Peyton praised the record of both teachers. A part of his address follows:

"It is a distinct honor for me to recognize two of our teachers before their retirement from the teaching ranks.

"Mrs. Teresa Hamlet -- 7th grade teacher of reading and Mrs. Isabel Ligon -- 5th grade teacher.

"The qualifications of a good teacher are exceptional ones'. She must be motivated by the highest principles and possess a deep desire to bring out the best in her students. She must have a strength of character which permits her to live with constant challenge and to stand for those conditions in the school and community which are essential to good teaching. She must be gifted in working with both individuals and groups, whether pupils, parents, or teacher. She must possess an inquiring mind and must try to keep abreast of the advances in the field of teaching.

"These qualifications are applicable to Mrs. Hamlet and Mrs. Ligon.

"Teaching is a complex profession, It is one that has a nobility of purpose.

"One does not become rich, in the material sense, by teaching but rich in the sense that a true teacher can rest assured that the world is a better place because of her efforts. Who can predict where the influence of Mrs. Ligon and Mrs. Hamlet will end.

"Appomattox County is indebted to each of you and will continue to feel the influence of the contributions that you have made through the years to the boys and girls who have been under your care.

"In behalf of your students, parents, fellow teachers, and friends, the Appomattox Intermediate School PTA wishes to recognize you and to award you this life membership in the PTA and say thank you for a job well done!!"

Appomattox FFA Wins In Wildlife Conservation

The work of the Appomattox County FFA Chapter in wildlife conservation has been judged tops in the Southside Area.

More than 200 wildlife feed patches were planted by members of the chapter. A wildlife exhibit was prepared and placed in a local store.

Members of the chapter presented programs on wildlife to local civic clubs. Ninety-one percent of the chapter members are carrying supervised home practice work in wildlife. The chapter raised hybrid pheasants for release throughout the county.

The work of the chapter will be considered along with that of five other area winners for the state award. Presentation of the state award will be a program feature of the State FFA Convention at Blacksburg, June 15-18.

Local Student In Honor Group

Ferrum --A former Appomattox resident was among 13 students initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honorary, at Ferrum College, Sunday, May 10.

Herbert W. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ottway Martin of Rt. 2, Appomattox, was inducted into the honor group which recognized Ferrum's outstanding students. Martin graduated from Frankfurt American H. S. in West Germany.

Phi Theta Kappa is the junior college equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa. The purpose of the organization is to give junior college students an opportunity to participate in scholarly endeavors.

A sophomore at Ferrum, Martin was chosen through recommendation of Ferrum's faculty based on his solid academic standards and overall achievement.

There are eight chapters of the organization in Virginia.

Phillip Lucado Wins

Phillip Lucado, a member of the Appomattox County Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, placed first in the annual Southside Area FFA Tractor Operating Contest at Appomattox May 16. Phillip is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lucado, RFD # 3, Appomattox.

Jimmy Adams, Liberty, was runner-up. Third place went to David Wilborne of Bluestone Jr. High School. Lucado will represent the fifteen-county Southside Area in the state finals at VPI in June.

Taking part in the contest Saturday were the winners of six sub-area contests held earlier this year The contest wad directed by D. W. Torrence, instructor in agricultural education in the Appomattox Intermediate School.

Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation

PREVENT FOREST FIRES

Welcomes Questions

Farmers participating in the feed grain and wheat programs are urged by J. P. Alvis, Jr., Chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee to get answers to any questions they might have before they certify acreage.

"Call, write, or come in to the County ASCS Office. Be sure you know exactly what you're certifying before you sign your name," he said.

Producers who are participating in the feed grain and wheat programs must report exactly the acres in these crops and the acres diverted from these crops and certify they have complied with program regulations.

As soon as a producer certifies, the county ASCS Office begins processing the data for payment which will be made soon after July 1. Payments are expected to be completed before the end of August.

"We want to prevent any mistakes in certification. It could cost a farmer all or some of his payment. Once he has certified, he can't make adjustments in order to be in compliance. He has to be in compliance when he certifies. If a spot-check shows he has made a mistake, he is out of luck.

He urged farmers to certify as soon as they know they are in compliance with the program, saying early certification will help speed payments.

PAMPLIN ELEM. CAFETERIA MENU

May 25 -- Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk, butter.

May 26 -- Sloppy Joes, potato chips, peach salad, milk, butter.

May 27 -- Chicken and veg. soup, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple salad, milk, butter.

May 28 -- Sliced ham, snap beans, potato chips, lettuce, milk, butter.

May 29 -- Hot dogs on buns, green peas, hot boiled potato, peaches, milk, butter.

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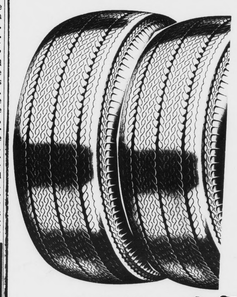

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